

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Anchorage Field Office
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM

CX No.: AK-040-03-CX-027

Lease/Serial/Case File Nos.: AA 82886 (2928), Cabin 3
and AA 82890 (2928), Cabin 7

Proposed Action Title/Types: Removal of two trespass cabins and materials from public lands within the boundaries of the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge.

Location of Proposed Action: Section 12, T. 16 N., R. 1 W., Seward Meridian. The site is located off the Glenn Highway between the Palmer Slough, Knik Arm and the Matanuska River.

Description of Proposed Action:

A crew from the Anchorage Field Office consisting of up to ten people will be flown by helicopter to and from the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge to dismantle two cabins located on BLM administered lands.

The Anchorage Field Office will provide all labor, materials, and equipment to remove and properly dispose of the two cabins located on site. The crew will use hand tools and chainsaws to dismantle the cabins. All non-combustible materials (glass, metals and materials not suited for burning) will be removed from the sites. The crew will rig and sling load via helicopter non-combustible materials to the nearby access road to be transported via highway to a disposal facility. Combustible material will be stacked and burned. A burn plan will be prepared to establish parameters for the burn. Ashes will be scattered on site. No reseedling is planned as the sites should re-vegetate naturally.

This project is scheduled to be completed October 31, 2003.

Applicant (if any): Bureau of Land Management
Anchorage Field Office

PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW

This Proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan: Southcentral Planning Area Management Framework Plan

Date Plan Approved: March 1980

The Proposed Action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

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PART II - NEPA REVIEW

A. Categorical Exclusion Review.

This Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 2, Appendix 1. or 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4. H-10: Removal of structures and materials of non-historical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass, and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved.

B. Departmental Exceptions Review.

The following Departmental List of Exceptions apply to individual actions. Departmental instructions mandate that environmental documents **MUST BE PREPARED** for actions which may: (Mark applicable answer for each item. If "yes", prepare an EA/EIS and append this form to it.)

YES NO

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| 1. | Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 2. | Have adverse effects on unique geographic characteristics, historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 3. | Have highly controversial environmental effects. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 4. | Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 5. | Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 6. | Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 7. | Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. | ___ | <u>X</u> |

YES NO

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8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species. _____ X
9. Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Flood plain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. _____ X
10. Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. _____ X

I certify that none of the Departmental exceptions listed in the above Part B (516 DM 2, Appendix 2) apply to this action.

Remarks:

Preparer(s): /s/ Dorothy Bonds Date: 09-22-03

PART III - DECISION

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures either identified below or stipulation(s) attached in this case file.

Remarks:

Authorized Official: /s/ June Bailey Date: 09-24-03